

RESOLUTION 2026-02
FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE
OF A STATE-MAINTAINED ROADWAY FOR A PUBLIC EVENT

Whereas, the City of Knoxville is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day Parade in the City of Knoxville, which event constitutes a public purpose;

WHEREAS, this parade will require the temporary closure of US Route 150, a state highway in the City of Knoxville from Gilson Street to West Street;

WHEREAS, Section 4-408 of the Illinois Highway Code authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue permits to local authorities to temporarily close portions of state highways for such public purposes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Knoxville that permission to close US Route 150 from Gilson Street to West Street as above designated, be requested of the Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure shall occur during the approximate time period between 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 14, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure is for the public purpose of a St. Patrick's Day Parade.

BRE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that traffic from the closed portion of highway shall be detoured over routes with an all-weather surface that can accept the anticipated traffic, which will be maintained to the satisfaction of the Department of the Department and which is conspicuously marked for the benefit of traffic diverted from the state highway. (The parking of vehicles shall be prohibited on the detour routes to allow an uninterrupted flow of two-way traffic.)* The detour shall be as follows:

Main Street to Mill Street via West Street and Gilson Street

* (To be used when appropriate.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City assumes full responsibility for the direction, protection and regulation of the traffic during the time the detour is in effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that police officers or authorized flaggers shall, at the expense of the City, be positioned at each end of the closed section and at other points (such as intersections) as may be necessary to assist in directing traffic through the detour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that police officers, flaggers and officials shall permit emergency vehicles in emergency situations to pass through the closed area as swiftly as is safe for all concerned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all debris shall be removed by the City prior to reopening the state highway(s).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such signs, flags, barricades, etc., shall be used by the City as may be approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation. These items shall be provided and installed by the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the closure and detour shall be marked according to the Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an occasional break shall be made in the procession so that traffic may pass through. In any event, adequate provisions will be made for traffic intersecting highways pursuant to conditions noted above. (NOTE: This paragraph is applicable when the RESOLUTION pertains to a parade or when no detour is required.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to the fullest extent permitted by law, the City shall be responsible for any and all injuries to persons or damages to property, and shall indemnify and hold harmless the Illinois Department of Transportation, its officers, employees and agents from any and all claims, lawsuits, actions, costs and fees (including reasonable attorney's fees and expenses) of every nature or description, arising out of, resulting from or connected with the exercise of authority granted by the Department which is the subject of this resolution. The obligation is binding upon the City regardless of whether or not such claim, damage, loss or expense is caused in part by the act, omission or negligence of the Department or its officers, employees or agents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City shall provide a comprehensive general liability insurance policy or an additional insured endorsement in the amount of \$1,000,000 per person and \$2,000,000 aggregate which has the Illinois Department of Transportation and its officials, employees and agents as insureds and which protects them from all claims arising from the requested road closing. A copy of said policy or endorsement will be provided to the Department before the road is closed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this RESOLUTION be forwarded to the Department of Transportation to serve as a formal request for the permission sought in this RESOLUTION and to operate as part of the conditions of said permission.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Knoxville this 2nd day of February, 2026, AD.

MUNICIPAL CLERK

Approved by the Mayor of the City of Knoxville this 2nd day of February, 2026, AD.

ATTEST: _____

MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR